Statement of appointments in the Agricultural Department.

160. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing separately the appointments, permanent and temporary, on a pay of Rs. 15 and over, made in the Agricultural Department since the Director of Agriculture assumed charge of his appointment up to the 1st Dhanu 1105?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is now twenty-two years since the present Director of Agriculture and Fisheries assumed charge of his Department. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information will be out of all proportion to its utility and they do not, therefore, propose to collect the statistics wanted by the member.

Cocoanut plantations on the sides of the Vazhapallil chira.

161. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether cocoanut seedlings have been planted departmentally on either side of the M. C. road along the Vazhapallil *chira* in the Changanachery taluk;

(*b*) if so, when they were planted;

(*c*) how many seedlings were planted originally;

(*d*) how many of them still (23-11-1105) exist;

(*e*) whether it is proposed to plant fresh seedlings in the place of those already destroyed;

(*f*) if not, the reason for the same;

(*g*) whether they have sanctioned such planting of cocoanut seedlings;

(*h*) who is in charge of their maintenance;

(*i*) the cost of maintenance of this cocoanut plantation for each of the last four years (1101 to 1104); and

(*j*) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Department on account of this cocoanut plantation till now?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1924.

(*c*) 210.

(*d*) 174.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The practice of planting cocoanut trees as avenue trees has since been given up.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) and (*i*) There is no special person appointed for maintaining this as there is no special grant for maintenance.

(*j*) Rs. 5,185 till the end of 5/1104 including the widening and strengthening of the *chira* and the planting of *Karakam* on the western *chira*.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): പാർട്ട് ജി. ഗവ ണ്മെൻറ്വാടംകൂടാതെ കൃഷി ആരംഭിച്ചു എന്നല്ലയോ ഇതിൽനിന്നും അറിയേണ്ടതു്?

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